

Conservation Commission



19 WASHINGTON STREET
SHERBORN, MASSACHUSETTS 01770

February 18, 2010

Sherborn Town Hall

7:30 P.M.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present: Will Willis, Michael Lesser, Bridget Graziano (Agent/Administrator), Steve Gaskin (Chair), Andrea Stiller

Members Absent: Robert Eckert, Susan Tyler, Carl Shedd

Guests: Eliot Taylor, Paul DeSimone (Colonial Engineering), John O'Neill, Barbara Keene, Charlie Siegal, Chris Sweeney, Al & Patricia Michaud

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Discussion #1 – Peter Brockway and trail signs

Peter Brockway, from Sherborn Forest & Trails, showed the Commission a model of a type of sign he is proposing for all the trails. Members approved the signs for Conservation owned land, but noted that Peter should talk to Peg Robinson with the Town Forest Committee and Bay Circuit Trail Association for other trails, and Jonathan Dowse as the tree warden for permission to place signs on trees along scenic roads. The Commission asked that before work on trails is implemented, Mr Brockway should contact Bridget to get approval prior to starting work on the trail.

Public Hearing #1 – Paul DeSimone for the Fire & Rescue Association proposes to install cement slabs for fire and rescue training

The proposal involves the installation of four concrete slabs and one crushed stone landing for the Sherborn Fire & Rescue Association to properly conduct routine training operations. The proposed work is located within the 50-100 foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 4 Western Avenue (shown on Assessor's Map 1 Lot 4b). Paul DeSimone of Colonial Engineering presented the project and John O'Neill, President of the Fire & Rescue Association answered the Commission's questions about the use of the site and the conditions of the soils at

the site. The issue of mitigation of the buffer impacts was noted. Mr. DeSimone agreed to revise the plan to show additional planting equal in size to the proposed impervious area as well as to show planting on the berm at the entrance to the site. In light of the fact that the project is missing a DEP number Steve moved to continue the hearing until the next meeting. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Discussion # 2 – 237 Washington Street Louis Recine and Chris Sweeney

Chris Sweeney requested that Louis Recine be given an extension (for rectifying a wetland violation) due to financial difficulty. Bridget reported that Mr. Recine's deadline for progress towards site cleanup was today and that the Commission could choose to issue a 21 day bylaw ticket. Steve moved that the Commission allow an extension for Mr. Recine's contract with John Bensley or another wetland expert until March 4, 2010, the delineation for March 18, 2010, and the remediation plan by the mid-April meeting; the parties will resolve the violation in court if these extension deadlines are not met. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

(Discussion # 3 - 32 Pleasant Street Western Ave. driveway improvements and Discussion # 4 – “Special Municipal Employee” status were postponed)

Discussion # 5 – 115 Coolidge Street- Al Michaud complaint

Bridget stated she had been contacted by Mr. Michaud, regarding the removal of vegetation and storage of machinery in the buffer zone at Bob Sanclement property, 115 Coolidge Street. Bridget explained she sent a violation notice Mr. Sanclement regarding the vegetation removal in August 2009. In addition, she had asked Mr. Sanclement to remove the machinery from the buffer zone, which he did. Mr. Michaud was concerned the Commission had treated Mr. Sanclement differently during violation negotiation compared to the previous year's issues with the Michaud/ Knapp. Bridget explained to Mr. Michaud, that Mr. Sanclement had worked with the Commission to remedy the violation right away and the Michaud's and Knapp's did not, which forced the Commission to issue an enforcement order at 111 Coolidge Street. Furthermore, Bridget stated that the planting mitigation work already agreed to by Mr. Sanclement was not to take place until the spring. Mr. Michaud stated at the meeting he understood why the Commission had reacted in two different scenarios.

Approval of Minutes

Steve moved to accept the January 26, 2010 minutes as amended. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Agent/Administrator's Report

Dates to remember:

- March 4, 2010 – Commission meeting at 7PM
- April 15th 2010 – Access application program for the Commission
- April 7, 2010- MACC networking at Vinny T's in Dedham 6-8 PM

Updates and Report:

- Town Easement maintenance at 15 Meadowbrook Road- Steve moved that if no RDA is filed by March 4, 2010 then an enforcement order will be needed in order to repair the erosion issues. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.
- New Filing cabinets coming February 22, 2010 – Bridget asked if anyone would be available to help her move the file folder out of the old cabinets and into the new cabinets.

All other items listed on the agenda under the Agent/Administrator’s report were postponed until the March 4, 2010 meeting.

Approval of Determinations of Applicability

The following Determinations were reviewed. Based on the recommendations of the Agent/Administrator, the determinations were signed and approved by the Commission:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Description of Work</u>	<u>Findings</u>
22 Great Rock Road	Tree removal and proposed replacement walkway	Continued for March Meeting
175 Maple Street	Proposed addition, driveway and retaining wall	Continued for March Meeting
93 Elliot Street	Certificate of Compliance	GRANTED
50 Bogastow Brook Road	Certificate of Compliance	GRANTED
60 Prospect Street	Certificate of Compliance	GRANTED

PLEASE NOTE: 22 Great Rock Road was discussed that the Commission can only allow tree cutting in jurisdictional areas for hazardous or dangerous conditions. The current plan involved cutting for additional reasons. It was agreed that the applicant and Bridget will further discuss changes to the plan.

Adjournment: Steve moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M. This was seconded and accepted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Trainor
Minutes Clerk

Cc: Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Dept., Town Clerk, Town Forest, Town Counsel, Sherborn Library, Advisory Committee, D/S Press, Zoning Board of Appeals, Sherborn Garden Club, Forest & Trail Assoc., Assessor, Groundwater Protection Committee, Farm Pond Advisory Committee